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May 3d, 1853.

Mr. ORD, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From H. W. Ravenel, dated Aiken, S. C., April 18, 1853, transmitting a copy of his recent work entitled "*Fungi Exsiccati Caroliniani*," announced this evening.

From the American Philosophical Society, dated April 20, 1853; from the Secretary of the Trustees of the New York State Library, dated Albany, April 4th, 1853; from the Smithsonian Institution; and from the Royal Academy of Sciences of Vienna, dated 7th Oct., 1852, severally acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings.

From the Secretary of the Royal Imperial Geological Institution at Vienna, dated 2d Jan., 1853, transmitting the volumes of its Transactions announced this evening.

From Mr. P. W. Sheaffer, dated Pottsville, Pa., April 21, 1853, and from Prof. John C. Cresson, dated April 28, 1853, severally acknowledging the receipt of their notices of election as Members of the Academy.

Dr. Wetherill gave a verbal statement of the results of an analysis, by himself, of Fusel Oil, from Indian Corn. He had found, among its other constituents, Caprylic acid.

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Immediately upon the adjournment of the above meeting, a Special Meeting of the Society was held, in pursuance of a Resolution adopted April 26, 1853.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

The object of the meeting being to consider the expediency of erecting a new Hall, a discussion took place among the Members, which resulted in the unanimous adoption of the following resolution, offered by Dr. Rand:

*Resolved.* That it is inexpedient for the Academy to take any steps towards changing its location at the present time.

Also *Resolved*, That the Building Committee be requested to obtain the professional opinion of the Counsel of the Academy upon the proposed plan for the enlargement of the Hall.

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May 10th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Dr. Le Conte presented the following papers for publication in the Proceedings: 1, "Synopsis of the Meloides of the United States;" 2, "Synopsis of the Endomychidæ of the United States;" and 3, "Synopsis of the Atopidæ, Rhipiceridæ and Cyphonidæ of the United States," all of which were referred to the following Committee: Prof. Haldeman, Dr. Ruschenberger and Dr. Zantzingen.

Dr. Ruschenberger stated that he had received a letter from Lieut.

Maury, enclosing one from Signor Juan Espinoza, dated Lima, 10th March, 1853, addressed to J. Randolph Clay, Esq., U. S. Chargé at Lima, containing some observations on Aerolites and Earthquakes.

Sig. Espinoza stated that he had, on several occasions, observed the phenomenon of the detachment of the armature of a suspended magnet just before an earthquake.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia be presented to Charles Henry Fisher, Esq., and Thomas Biddle, Esq., for the valuable aid rendered by them to the Committee appointed by the Society to obtain subscriptions for the purchase of the Anatomical Collection of the late Dr. Samuel George Morton.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Wm. S. Vaux, Dr. Charles D. Meigs and Mr. John Cooke, Committee appointed to procure the subscription for the purchase of Dr. Morton's Anatomical Collection.

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*May 24th.*

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

A letter was read from the Royal Academy of Sciences of Brussels, dated 16th June, 1852, acknowledging the receipt of the Journal of the Academy, vol. 2, part 2, new series.

Also a letter from the Academy of Sciences of Wurtemberg, dated Stuttgart, March 8th, 1853, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings for 1850 and 1851, and Nos. 1 and 2 of vol. 6th.

On motion of Dr. Leidy, it was

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to invite the Conventions, General Assemblies and other respectable Bodies, now in session in this city, to visit the Museum on specified afternoons.

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*May 31st.*

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Prof. Alphonse De Candolle, of Geneva, was elected a *Correspondent*, and the following were elected *Members* of the Academy :

Messrs. Frederick Graff, Edmund Draper, Wm. G. E. Agnew, Dr. E. B. Gardette, Messrs. Chas. Henry Fisher, Thomas T. Lea, Thos. Biddle, John Farnum, John A. Brown, William Welsh, J. Francis Fisher, David S. Brown, Lewis R. Ashhurst, John B. Mayers, Richard D. Wood, Samuel V. Merrick, Henry Pepper, J. Pemberton Hutchinson, Richard Price, Morris L. Hallowell, Joseph D. Brown, William Platt, Joseph Swift, Singleton A. Mercer, A. J. Lewis, John Grigg, Joseph Jeanes, and Thomas P. Remington, all of Philadelphia.